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Re: Application No: 10/026,667  
Applicant(s): Raul R. Mena  
Filing Date: 12/21/2001  
Entitled: IMPLANT FIXATION DEVICE  
Attorney Docket No. 17147-11

Examiner: Cary E. O'Connor  
Group Art Unit: 3732

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Reply to the Office Action mailed 08/27/2003.

The following checked items are applicable:

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time and the small-entity extension fee of \$475.00 for filing a response within the third month is herewith enclosed.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a Prior Patent is herewith enclosed, as well as the small-entity terminal disclaimer fee of \$55.

☐ Copy of Notice of Change of Correspondence Address is enclosed.

CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT:	MINUS PRIOR PAID CLAIMS:	EQUALS PRESENT EXTRA CLAIMS:	RATE:	ADDITIONAL FEE:
Independent: 4	3	1	x \$ 86.00 =	\$86.00
Total: 29	20	9	x \$ 18.00 =	\$162.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (1st presentation)			+\$290.00=	\$ 0
SUBTOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				\$248.00
Small Entity filing, divide by 2.				\$124.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE				\$124.00

☒ The fee has been calculated above; enclosed is a check in the amount of \$600.00, including \$475.00 small-entity extension fee and \$124.00 small-entity extra claims fee.

☒ A self-addressed, stamped postcard for verification and receipt is enclosed.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 502104.

Date: February 26, 2004

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